

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Thursday, January 23, 2003

PART II

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 205. A bill *to authorize the issuance of immigrant visas to, and the admission to the United States for permanent residence of, certain scientists, engineers, and technicians who have worked in Iraqi weapons of mass destruction programs*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Biden

Pages S 1479, S 1480-3

S. 208. A bill *to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and implement a plan to provide security for cargo entering the United States or being transported in intrastate or interstate commerce*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Snowe

Pages S 1479, S 1483

S. 217. A bill *to reinstate felony penalties for licensed gun dealers who fail to maintain records of sales*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Boxer

Pages S 1479, S 1492-93

S.J. Res. 5. A joint resolution *proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Hollings

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Petitions and Memorials:

POM-21. A resolution adopted by the Township of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey *relative to the phrase "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance*; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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POM-22. A resolution adopted by the Borough of Moonachie, New Jersey *relative to the phrase "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-23. A resolution adopted by the Township of Oldmans, New Jersey *relative to the phrase "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-24. A resolution adopted by the Elsinboro Township, Salem County, New Jersey *relative to the phrase "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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POM-25. A resolution adopted by the Borough of Butler, New Jersey *relative to the phrase "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance*; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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POM-29. A resolution adopted by the City of Salem, New Jersey *relative to the phrase "One nation under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance*; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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H.J. Res. 2 - Omnibus Appropriations Resolution:

By 69 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 28), Senate passed H.J. Res. 2, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S 1379-S 1419, S 1421-60, D 47

Adopted:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 25), Thomas Amendment No. 246 (to Amendment No. 61), of a perfecting nature.

Pages S 1421-23, D 48

Stevens (for Harkin/Durbin/Landrieu) Modified Amendment No. 131, to increase appropriations for the Legal Services Corporation by \$19,000,000 to ensure that no service area (including a merged or reconfigured service area) receives less funding under the Legal Services Corporation Act for fiscal year 2003 than the area received for fiscal year 2002, due to use of data from the 2000 Census, and to offset the increased appropriations by reducing funds for travel, supplies, and printing expenses.

Pages S 1426-29, D 49

Stevens (for Durbin/Hutchison) Modified Amendment No. 199, to provide a restriction on certain attorney fees.

Pages S 1426-29, 1445-6, D 49

"...I have been engaged in extensive discussions with my colleague, Senator Hutchison, the chief proponent of section 135, which have led to a modification of that provision. The nature and amount of attorney fees in special education cases brought under IDEA raise serious questions about both the adequacy of in-school programs to serve special education students and some aggressive activities of certain attorneys and firms. The modification raises the limit on the amounts which may be paid to \$4,000 per action. It also precludes the payment of the fees of any attorney or firm whom the chief financial officer of the District of Columbia determines to have a pecuniary interest, either through an attorney, officer, or employee of the firm, in any special education diagnostic services, schools, or other special education service providers..." (Durbin, page S 1446)

Stevens (for Murkowski/Stevens) Amendment No. 151, to make technical corrections.

Pages S 1431-33, D 50

Stabenow Amendment No. 248, to express the sense of the Senate that the conferees on the part of the Senate for H.J. Res. 2 should insist that certain amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 be included in the conference report.

Pages S 1438-9, D 50

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Stevens, Cochran, Specter, Domenici, Bond, McConnell, Burns, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett, Campbell, Craig, Hutchison, DeWine, Brownback, Byrd, Inouye, Hollings, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Reid, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu.

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Remarks:

Affirmative Action in Higher Education.

Feingold

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HOUSE

*The House was not in session today.
Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 8,
the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003.*

Next SENATE MEETING: Friday, 9:45 a.m., January 24, 2003.
Next HOUSE MEETING: Monday, 2:00 p.m., January 27, 2003.

OLA: S. Schwarz, A. Santos